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THE GENEALOGY OF THE JESSE MORGAN FAMILY  
of Westchester Township, Porter County ✓  
Indiana, Chesterton, Indiana

Prepared January, 1961 by Mrs. Josephus Curtis Blachly,  
Regent of the William Henry Harrison Chapter, Daughters of the  
American Revolution, of Valparaiso, Indiana.

In 1323, Jesse, Isaac, and William Morgan—these brothers left their native home in Monongalia Co., Va. for Wayne Co., Ohio from where they moved into LaForte County, Indiana where they were appointed to fill responsible positions in that county that had sprung into existence but a short time previously. They were not satisfied, and in 1833 with their large families and worldly effects came by way of Old Soc Trail into Porter Co., 1833.

Their father, John (James) Morgan is buried on the Jacob Bucher farm in a private cemetery 2 miles south of Moorland. Ref. Mrs. H.W. Stone R.F.D. #1, Wilder, Idaho. Moved to Wayne Co. in 1806 from Monongalia, W. Va. (Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution buried in Ohio. Page 262, pub. 1929 by E.J. Heer Printing Co., Columbus, Ohio in D.A.R. Reference room at the Valparaiso, Indiana Public Library.

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(Tryants Foe- The People Friend), published weekly and semi-weekly at \$1.25 a year, by William C. Talcott, editor and proprietor, Valparaiso; Porter County, Indiana February 10, 1853, kept bound in the Records room of the Valparaiso Public Library, Gordon Bebeau, librarian, 107 E. Jefferson, Valparaiso, Indiana.

It becomes our duty to announce to the public the death of one of our oldest inhabitants, the venerable Jesse Morgan, who perished under the following circumstances:

He left home on Thursday morning, Feb. 3, on horseback for Chicago, and took the road which follows the beach of the lake. On coming to the Calumet he could not safely cross and accordingly took another road to go to the toll bridge above. Night came on, and, it being very dark he lost his way; but discovering a light at Woodman's, where he was intending to put up, he directed his course to it, and in doing so he got into the Calumet Marsh, where the water and soft mud, covered with thin ice were belly deep to his horse. After allowing through this some distance, he let his horse go back, and tried himself to wade through to the light, and would perhaps have succeeded but for the river which intervened. Upon arriving at the bank of the Calumet, he called for help and continued to call for hours. His call was heard by some men at Woodman's, who went up a mile and a half to the toll bridge and procured other assistance then came down to relieve his distress; but it was too late. He was too much exhausted to make himself heard and it was too dark for them to find him. The next morning, Friday 4th his body was found lying in the water of the marsh with his head upon the ice within a few feet of where the men passed along with the skiff the previous night.

The sad news was brought to Calumet Station by the cars on Friday, the 4th, some of his family and neighbors went out on the cars on Saturday, made proper arrangements on Sunday, returned with his remains on Monday, and on the same day they were buried in the neighborhood of his residence.

His death is mourned by his aged companion, and his family and relations, most deeply, but they have the warm sympathies of neighbors and acquaintances generally.

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The above is the exact copy as appeared in the newspaper, and was copied January 11, 1961 by the regent of the William Henry Harrison chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Valparaiso, Indiana Mrs. Josephus Curtis Blachly (Jane Moore Hamilton Blachly whose Nat. D. A. R. No is 315994)

State of Indiana  
County of Porter  
My commission expires

Sept. 19, 1961

Signature of Notary

Jane H. Blachly

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Mrs. Oral Haslett Smith  
 widow of Charles Howard Smith  
 215 Second St., Chesterton, Indiana  
 born May 6, 1859, Chesterton, Indiana  
 married Charles Howard Smith June 5, 1912  
 born April 8, 1881, died April 14, 1949

was child of

- (1) Charles Lyons Haslett b. Feb. 26, 1866, Hartren, Michigan  
 d. April 10, 1939 Chesterton, Indiana  
 Ellena Thomas (Ellen) b. Oct. 20, 1850 Chesterton, Indiana  
 d. Dec. 21, 1947 Chesterton, Indiana

married Nov. 10, 1880 Buchanan, Michigan

- (2) William Thomas II b. Dec. 29, 1819 Monongalia Co., W. Va.  
 d. April 16, 1865 Chesterton, Indiana  
 Ann Morgan b. March 12, 1824 at Holmes Co., Ohio  
 d. Apr. 5, 1865 Chesterton, Indiana

married Sept. 4, 1845 Porter County, Indiana

- (3) James Morgan b. Apr. June 12, 1767 Monongalia Co., Va.  
 d. Feb. 3, 1853 Chesterton, Indiana  
 Jane (Joanna) Cissna b. Apr. 12, 1795 Holmes Co., Ohio  
 d. March 30, 1856 Chesterton, Indiana

married Dec. 20, 1817

- (4) James Morgan (John) b. January 1755 Cheat River, W. Va.  
 d. 1822 Franklin Township,  
 Ohio

Hannah Cox b. March 10, 1768 Morgantown, W. Va.  
 d. Sept. 3, 1846 Wayne Co., Ohio

married March 18, 1778

- (5) Capt. David Morgan b. May 12, 1721 Christiana, Delaware  
 d. 1813 Marion Co., Va.  
 Sara Stevens (Stephens) b. ca 1727 Pennsylvania  
 d. 1799 Marion Co., Va.

married 1745

- (6) Col. Morgan Morgan b. 11/1/1688 Wales  
 d. 11/17/1766 Fairport, W. Va.  
 Catherine Garretson b.  
 d.

Private James Morgan assisted in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution as follows: Private in Capt. William Heywood's Company of Virginia Militia stationed at Prickett's Fort. Five of the 27 members of Company are Morgans-descendants of Col. Morgan Morgan-David, and four of his sons Morgan (Lt.) James, Evan Jackquill. David father of James Jr. was the Capt. of 8th Battalion under Peter Grubb, and James was in his company in Capt. Wm. Heywood's Monongalia County, Militia.

Children of James Morgan and Hannah Cox were:

- Sarah b. Dec. 7, 1785 married Jonathan Butler Jan. 15, 1805  
 Jesse b. June 12, 1787 married Jane (Joanna) Cissna Dec. 20, 1817-19  
 Rebecca b. Sept. 9, 1789 married Thomas Butler April 12, 1809  
 Jonathan b. Dec. 3, 1791  
 James b. Feb. 1, 1794  
 Joseph b. April 23, 1796  
 John b. June 15, 1798  
 Isaac b. January 31, 1801, d. June 23, 1855, m/Sarah Ann Blechly  
 2/14/1822  
 Hannah b/Aug. 9, 1804  
 William b. Oct. 28, 1806 m. Ist. Anna Blechly 6/19/1828





Newton, Kansas Jun. 14, 1961

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Two pages from the Old Bible.  
of Sarah Ann Blachly Morgan  
grandmother of Nellie Von der  
Heiden.

The  
New Testament  
of our  
Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ  
Translated  
Out of the Original Greek  
and  
With the Former Translations  
Deligently compared and revised  
By the Special Command of King James I of England

Philadelphia  
Printed and Published by Mathew Carey No. 122 Market Street  
(107) 1812

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After page 1080

A  
Brief  
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Holy Scriptures  
of the  
Old and New Testaments  
of which  
all or most of the principal Texts of Scripture  
may be easily found out.

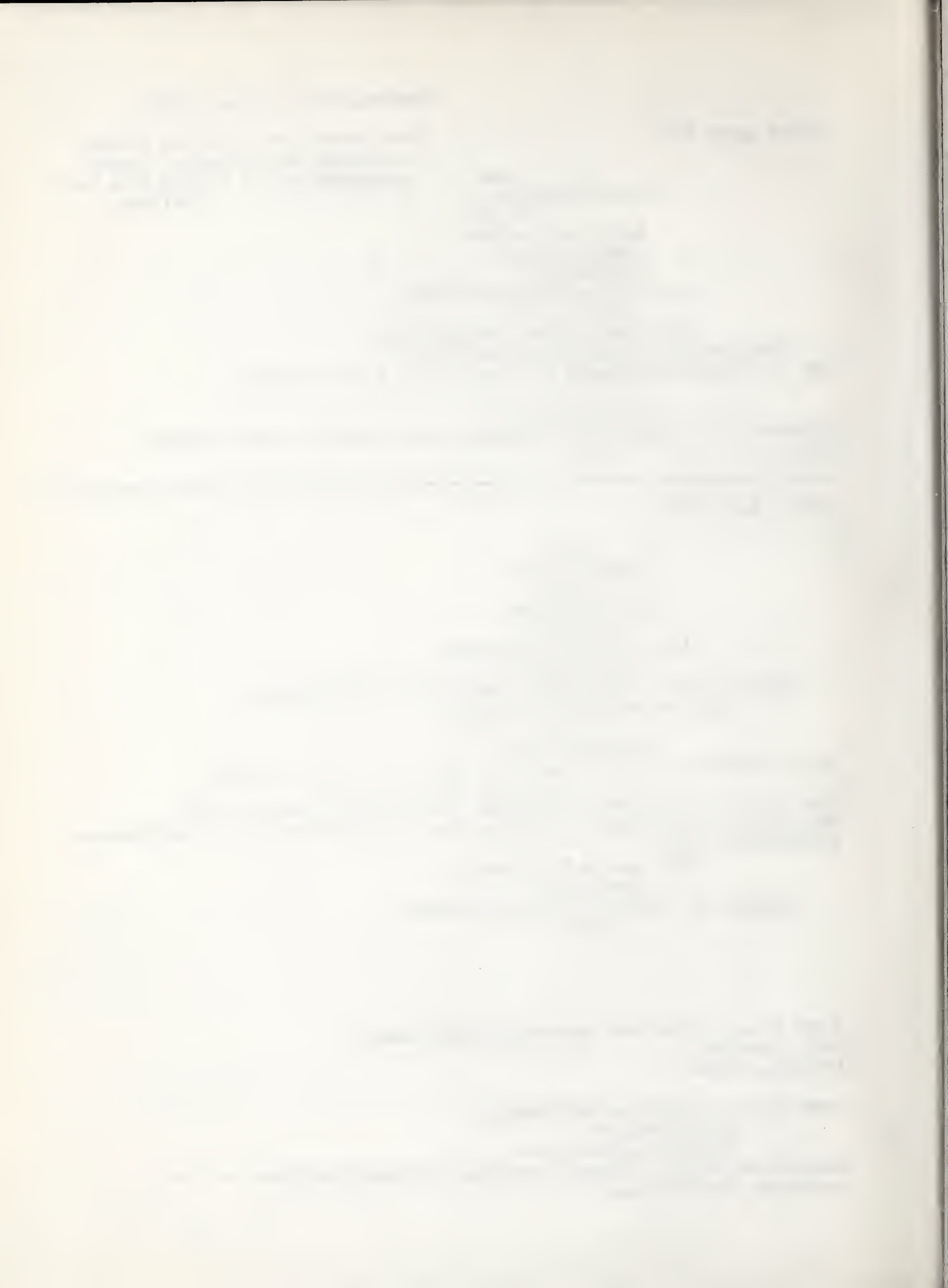
by John Brown  
Late Minister of the Gospel of Haddington in Scotland

Search the Scriptures: for-they testify of my-John V. 39  
The Bereans were more noble-in that they-searched the Scriptures  
daily-Act. VII, 11

Revised and Corrected  
Brooklyn  
Printed by Thomas Kirk, Main Street  
1912

from Mrs. W. H. Von der Heiden (Nellie Morgan)  
409 E. 9th St.  
Newton, Kansas

sent to Mrs. Josephus C. Blachly  
U.S. #30-R. #4  
Valparaiso, Indiana  
Regent of William Henry Harrison Chapter, Daughters of the  
American Revolution.





Exact Copies from Illustrated "Historical ATLAS of Porter County, Indiana" 1876 by A.G. Hardesty, Valparaiso, Indiana in the possession of Mr. Josephus Curtis Blachly, U.S.#30, R.#4, Valparaiso, Indiana. This old book measures 14 X 18 inches, and besides the history, has maps (on page 13 Railroad map of the United States prepared especially for A.G. Hardesty by H.H. Lloyd & Co. 21 John St., N.Y.) I find no name of publishing company for the Atlas.

Chapter I-History of Porter County, Indiana, Page 23

Under Porter County-The soldiers who participated in the Black Hawk War of 1832, marched over this stage route. In 1823 Jesse, Isaac, and William Morgan, three brothers, left their native home in Monongahela county, Virginia for Wayne County, Ohio from where they moved into LaPorte County, Indiana. They were not yet satisfied with their location and in 1833 with their large families and worldly effects, they came by the way of the Old Soc trail into this county in 1833. Isaac and William Morgan settled on the beautiful prairie that now bears their name. Jesse Morgan settled in what is now West Chester Township on Section 6 on the Detroit and Chicago road heretofore spoken of.

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In the year 1834, there were many arrivals in this county. Among others who came in this year was William Thomas, a son-in-law of Jesse Morgan, and a man of marked ability.

First White Child-Reason Bell was born to Reason and Sara Bell January, 1834. In this same year, 1834 on the 11th day of February, the first white female child was born in this county. Her parents, Jesse and Joanna Morgan, named her Hannah. She was married to Bently D. Hasell, a general passenger agent for some of the southern railroads.

Chapter VII-In October, 1850 page 26, Joseph C. Morgan, "coroner" held inquest over the body of a man found close to the city, supposed to be murdered.

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Notary Signature

*Jane H. Blachly*

State of Indiana  
County of Porter

My Commission expires Sept. 19, 1961





Exact copy of inscriptions of the Tombstones of Jesse Morgan, Jane Morgan, Ann Thomas, William Thomas, and James Morgan, Joseph C. Morgan sons of Jesse and Jane Morgan.

Located in Southwestt corner of the Chesterton Cametery, 300 E. Porter Avenue, Chesterton, Indiana- land originally owned by the Thomas family for private burying ground, contains stones of pioneer families of the community in this section. Mr. Ralph Brooks, R.#2, Chesterton, Ind. is the caretaker of the Cemetery.

Jesse Morgan  
died Feb. 3, 1853  
Age 65 years, 8 months, 21 d's

Joseph C. Morgan  
1818-1903  
wife Lanah D., his wife  
1818-1881

Jane Morgan  
wife of  
Jesse Morgan  
died March 30, 1856  
Age 61 yrs 1 mo 12 ds.

James Morgan  
died March 17, 1856  
Age 30 yrs, 5 m. 24 d's

These three stones are in Southeast corner of private section, a back corner of the cemetery with a creek-ravine surrounding plot.

Tall pointed stone-northwest section of private section is located with inscription of Ann Thomas on North face of square stone, and her husband, William Thomas's inscription of the West face of stone

Ann Thomas  
died April 5, 1865  
Age 41 yrs., 11 mo. 24 ds.

William Thomas  
died April 16, 1865  
Age 46 yrs. 3m8s, 19ds

to East of this stone is another tall one for William Thomas, Srs. grave

William Thomas  
died Sept. 27, 1838  
Age 61 yrs.

Inscriptions copied and pictures taken on January 12, 1961 by regent, Mrs. Josephus C. Blachly, (Jane Hamilton Blachly) for William Henry Harrison Chapter, D.A.R., in company with Mrs. Oral Hazlett Smith.

James Morgan died with pneumonia, as did his mother, Jane Morgan, shortly after he did. "Told to Mrs. Smith by her mother, Ellena Thomas Haslett."

Notary Signature

*Jane H. Blachly*

State of Indiana  
County of Porter

My Commission expires

Sept. 19, 1961

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Be it remembered that on the ninth day of April A.D. 1856 the following will was filed and recorded in the Clerks office of the Porter Common Pleas Court to wit.

Last will and testament of Jane Morgan late of Porter County and State of Indiana. Article 1st I wish my Executor to pay my Funeral expenses. All my just debts after my death. Articles 2nd I will and bequeath to my sons George and John G. Morgan all my Personal Property together with all my rights to titles and interest in \_\_\_\_\_ Real Estates within the State of Indiana or any other State wherein I may have my title. Articles 3d I appoint my son George and John G. Morgan my Executors

Signed Jane Morgan

March 26, 1856  
Witnesseth E. J. Jones  
A. J. Hayes

Codicil March 29<sup>th</sup> 1856, I will that my Daughter Ellenor Baker should have the control of my household affairs. 2nd I will to Joseph C. Morgan, Ann Thomas, Ellenor Baker, Rebecca Mcfirsen, Hannah Hazle Each one of them five dollars.

Jane <sup>her</sup> X Morgan  
mark

Attest John P. Coulter  
A. J. Hayes  
State of Indiana

Personally appeared before the  
Clerk of the Common Pleas Court  
John C. Coulter and Almond J.  
Hayes who being duly sworn upon their

oath says that they are the subscribing witnesses of the above will and codicil of Jane Morgan deceased and that said Testator was of full age and of sound mind and memory at the time of executing said Will and Codicil that they signed the same as witnesses thereto in the presence of said Testator and that they saw said Testator sign sa said Will as her last will and testament and further saith nor

John C. Coulter  
Almon J. Hayes

As to the Codicil

Subscribed and Sworn to  
before me the 9th dau of  
April A.D. 1856 O. Dunham, Clerk  
State of Indiana  
Porter County

I, Obadiah Dunham, Clerk of the  
Common Pleas Court of said County  
do hereby certify that the within  
will and codicil of Jane Morgan  
late of Porter County deceased has  
been duly admitted to probate that

its execution was proven by A. J. Hayes and the Codicil by John C. Coulter which proofs together with such Will have been duly recorded on page 136 of the record of wills in this office. In witness where- of I have here-unto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 9th day of April 1856

O. Dunham, Clerk

Notary Signature, Jane H. Blackly





"A COPY" of items answering questions pertaining to James Morgan and Hannah Cox, and son, Jesse, listing of other children.

Newton, Kansas  
January 13, 1961

Dear Mrs. Blachly:

Your letter of Sept. 9, 1960 also the one of January 9, 1961 are here before me and I shall try to answer both of them. You are a grand regent to help out your chapter and try to get in new members. How easy it would be if families would keep their own records. I am the only one in mine that has paid any attention to it.

I have the old family Bible of grandmother Morgan (Sarah Blachly) from which dates were taken. The record seems to have been made by her father, "William B. Blachly June 17th 1840, Ind. Vapparazo born July 25, 1771". I had the 4 pages photostated and spent a long time getting them worked out. (Believe I sent a copy to Edward and Mary Morgan with the typed copy.) The following is from the page 678 of Bible:-

James Morgan was born January the \_\_\_\_\_, 1755  
Hannah Morgan was born Feb. 10th, 1864

Children

Sarah	was born	Dec. 7th, 1785
Jesse	" "	June 12th, 1787
Rebecca	" "	Sept. 9th, 1789
Jonathan	" "	Dec. 3rd., 1791
James	" "	Feb. 1st, 1794
Joseph	" "	April 23, 1796
John	" "	June 15th, 1798
Isaac	" "	January 31st, 1801
Hannah	" "	August 9th, 1804
William	" "	Oct. 28th, 1806

I guess this Jesse b. 6-12-1787 is the date you want. My grandfather was Isaac, b. January 31, 1801  
d. June 23, 1855.

I met Edward, Mary, Bennett and wife, Jessie, and liked them so much.  
Nellie "

There were a lot of Morgan's and the names are repeated many times. My grandfather, Isaac, who married Sarah Blachly had the old bible and the names of their children (ten) also the name of Amy Morgan (child of William Morgan and Anny Blachly) who was raised by my grandmother. Two Morgan brothers married two Blachly sisters.

My father was the 10th child, not all the information was given to his birth. By that time they were too busy to make record I guess so my father's bible record just shows "Jesse Cornelius Morgan born Feb. the 16th AD 1847." He was named after his parents brothers "Jesse Morgan" and "Cornelius Blachly". My only living brother is named Jesse Cornelius Morgan, Jr. b. 5-6-1885.

My records from James and Hannah Cox Morgan down to present are

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are good but back of James and Hannah not complete. My D.A.R.  
# is No. 284043 admitted Feb. 1, 1934. I belong to Newton Chapter.  
I, Nellie Morgan Von der Heiden was born June 19, 1881.

Hope you can use some of this information but doubt it.  
Thanks for the records you sent in your Sept. '60 letter. Best  
wishes always, I know I would love you Jane and Joe.

Nellie von der Heiden

Mrs. W. H. von der Heiden  
409 East 9th Street  
Newton, Kansas

Notary Signature

*Jane H. Blachly*

State of Indiana  
County of Porter

My Commission expires September 19, 1961



Jan. 14, 1961

Father who was born in 1847, knew a lot of things about the family. Also Anna Morgan born in 1830 lived here in Kansas and was the one raised by my grandmother Morgan. She remembered many things. She was buried here in the Newton Cemetery. I knew her and all her family all my life. Altho she really was father's double cousin he never knew she was not his own sister until he was grown. We all called her "Aunt Anna." She was the daughter of William Morgan and Anna Blachly. She (Aunt Anna) married William Baker and their family lived here in Kansas and some have gone to California. One grand-son Harry Brothers and family live at Eureka, Kansas.

William Morgan as stated in last paragraph may have married again and had other wife and children but Aunt Anna never knew much about her father. She thought he died in Indiana in a storm, my father thought he came west into Iowa or Minnesota and married, but the families lost track of each other.

Newton, Kansas, Mrs. W. H. von der Heiden  
to Mrs. Josephus C. Blachly  
U.S. #30, R. #4, Valparaiso, Ind.

(Anna Blachly married William Morgan June 19, 1828 at Wayne Co., Ohio by Alpheus French. Vol. 3, page 75 Probate Court, Wooster, Ohio. 8th child of William Boyd Blachly, M.D. and 1st wife Sara Van Sickle.

Anna Blachly was born Oct. 9, 1810  
died , 1830

Her daughter, Anna, was born in 1830, married William Baker January 6, 1848 (Marriage Book 1, page 358, Porter Co. Ind. - Valparaiso court house Clerk's office)

Added information from Blachly Family genealogy compiled by Mrs. Josephus C. Blachly (Jane Hamilton Blachly). 1947-1948

Sarah Blachley born July 10, 1805 (5th child of Dr. William Boyd Blachly, and 1st wife Sara Van Sickle  
died

married Isaac Morgan Feb. 14, 1822 Wayne County History by Benjamin Douglass, page 600. Isaac Morgan married Sarah Blachly and this Isaac was a son of John Morgan, where Thomas Butler lived.

Information sent to Mrs. Josephus C. Blachly, March 10, 1947 by Dora H. Stevens, 425 N. Buckeye, Wooster, Ohio who was employed in the Wayne County Probate Court, Wooster, Ohio. She died April, 1960.





State of Indiana  
Rush County

Be it known that before me Turner A. Knox a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid personally appeared John Robinson and made oath in due form of Law, that he is the identical John Robinson named in an original certificate in his possession of which, I certify, the following as a true copy

WAR DEPARTMENT  
REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM

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I certify that in conformity with the Law of the United States of the Eighteenth day of March 1818 John Robinson of Hamilton County in the State of Ohio late a private in the regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in the Virginia line of the Revolutionary Army is inscribed on the pension List Roll of the Ohio agency at the rate of Eight dollars per month to commence on the ninth day of June one thousand Eight hundred and eighteen.

Given at the War Office of the  
United States this tenth day  
of February One Thousand and Eight  
hundred and nineteen.

J. C. Calhoun  
Secretary of War

That he is entitled to a pension of eight dollars per month on account of services rendered to the United States during the Revolutionary War. that he served in Capt. Gabriel Long Company in the regiment commanded by Colonel Dan Morgan in the Virginia line of the revolutionary army that he now resides in Rush County state of Indiana and has resided there for a span of six or seven months past and that previous thereto he resided in the state of Ohio-Hamilton County.

Sworn and enscribed this 31st day of Aug. 1840 his  
before me T. A. Knox (Seal) John X Robinson  
Justice of the Peace mark

Witness to J. Robinson mark J. Robinson, junior

Know all men by these present that I John Robinson of the County of Rush in the State of Indiana Pensioner of the United States I hereby constitute and Appoint Andrew Porter my true and lawful Attorney for me and on my note to receive from the Agent of the United States for paying pension in Cincinnati state of Ohio my pension from the 4th day of September 1839 to the 4th day of March 1840--

Witness my hand and seal this 31st day of August 1840  
Sealed and delivered in presence of his  
Turner A. Knox, John Robinson, Jr. John X Robinson  
mark

State of Indiana  
Rush County

Be it known that on the 31st day of August 1840 before the subscribed a justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared John Robinson above named and acknowledged the foregoing power of attorney to be by act and deed. In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand the day and year last above mentioned.

Turner A. Knox (Seal)  
Justice of the Peace.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1929

Mrs. Ella Hanley Sayers  
405 Elmhurst Avenue  
Valparaiso, Indiana

Madam:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 20351, it appears that John Robinson enlisted in Loudoun County, Virginia, in March, 1776, and served three years with the Virginia Troops in Captains Chalres Porterfield's and Long's Companies in Colonel Daniel Morgan's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 9, 1818, at which time he was living in Hamilton County, Ohio.

In August 1820 he stated that he was about sixty-four years of age, and that his wife, Sarah, was about forty-nine years of age and also referred to the following children:

John aged about twenty-one years; William, aged nineteen years; Marthe, aged about fifteen years; Milly, aged about fourteen years; Jane, aged about thirteen years; Agnes, about eleven years; Daniel, aged about seven years; and Iry or Ivy, aged about three years.

The date of death of his wife is not on record, and in order to obtain the date of last payment of his pension and possible the date of soldier's death, you should apply to the General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D.C., citing all of the following data:

John Robinson, Certificate No. 7150, issued February 10, 1819, rate \$8.00 per month, commenced June 9, 1818, Act of March 18, 1818, Ohio Agency.

The above noted is the only soldier by the name of John Robinson who served under Captain Long and Colonel Daniel Morgan that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

Respectfully,

E. W. Morgan  
Acting Commissioner

Copied from original letter in possession of Miss Lillian Sayers, 254 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso, Indiana, by Mrs. Jane Hamilton Blachly, ex-regent, William Henry Harrison Chapter, D.A.R., Valparaiso, Ind. who lives at U.S. #30, R. #4, Valparaiso, Indiana. Copied November 30, 1961, in its entirety.

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